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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

Provided herewith are comments on the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance presented in the Notice of Allowance dated September 22, 2005.

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The Examiner remarks that Claims 11 and 24 are allowed, as "the closest prior art of Hibbard et al. alone or *in combination with other prior art* fails to teach or fairly suggest the method/system as claimed in independent claims 11 and 24... *in combination with other elements of the independent claims 11 and 24.*" Paper 20050915, page 2. (Emphasis added).

The Examiner also remarks that Claims 11-25 and 27-33, and particularly Claim 25, are allowed over prior arts of the record. Paper 20050419, page 3, and Paper 20050915, page 2.

While Applicant agrees that presented claims pertain to allowable subject matter, Applicant respectfully submits that to the extent that the Examiner's remarks suggest or state that certain limitations or combinations not found in the prior art of record relied upon are or may be present in each and every allowable claim, whether or not specific language to that effect is found in every allowable claim, the record as a whole must be considered in addition to the Examiner's remarks, and, to the extent that the record as a whole is clear and complete, it shall control the interpretation of any and all allowable claims.

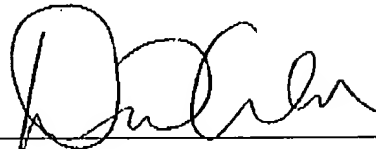
Additionally, the Examiner's statement of reasons may imply that features found in the specification only, in the dependent claims only, or in some but not all independent claims only, are part of all of the allowable claims, when in fact the record clearly reflects that there are claims not so limited. For example, elements may be found in one claim but not in another. Accordingly, the other claims, and claims dependent from the other claims that do not recite the same as the one claim, are not so limited. More specifically, each allowed independent Claim 11, 24 and 25 does not recite the same limitations as another allowed independent claim. Accordingly, each independent claim, and claims dependent from these claims that do not recite the same, are not so limited.

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